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Hieeee-yah!



Mark Yates (right), a blackbelt from the Promar Karate Club in Orangeville, fends off an attack by Steve Ramkulawan, a blackbelt from the Rising Sun Karate Club in Oakville, during a karate tournament at Conestoga's Kenneth E. Hunter recreation centre Jan. 18.

(Photo by Ross McDermott)

Into the '90s

New technology fee brings Internet access to Conestoga

By Rick Kew

and Ross McDermott

The Doon Student Association's board of directors voted Jan. 15 to implement a student technology enhancement fee, which will help upgrade the college computer resources.

The fee, \$35 per semester, will be applied beginning September 1997.

As a result of the technology fee, Conestoga will open a 60-station computer lab that will provide the following: Pentium 166-megahertz computers, cd-drives, Syquest drives, upgraded academic software and full student Internet access — including e-mail.

During the discussion before the vote, College principal Grant McGregor said government cut-backs to college funding made it impossible to keep up with computer upgrades.

He said it would take \$60,000 to \$94,000 to upgrade just one of Doon's 30-station computer labs. And he said government funding

for capital improvement was only \$372,000.

Other Ontario colleges have similar fees in place and charge \$30 to \$50 per semester, said McGregor.

Although Conestoga currently has Internet access, he said the "bandwidth" (system capacity) just would not support full student use.

McGregor explained that Doon

must upgrade to a "T1 line", which costs \$70,000 annually, to handle the traffic full Internet access will put on the college network. A Technology Enhancement Fee committee, comprising of six voting mem-

bers, four full-time students appointed by the DSA and two members from the college administration, will meet regularly to review disbursement of the fee.

The fee will be collected from students by the college and classified as a laboratory fee.

In doing so, McGregor said, the fee would qualify as tax deductible.

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"But a computer's life cycle is shorter than bricks and mortar."

Gavin FitzPatrick,
entertainment manager,
DSA

White Paper update

Panel recommends reforms to student loan repayment plan

By Ross McDermott

The Advisory Panel on Future Directions for Postsecondary Education has recommended that the Ministry of Education introduce reforms to the student loan repayment program.

The panel, chaired by David C. Smith, met with representatives from colleges and universities across Ontario, in the fall of 1996, to conduct a series of round-table discussions about possible changes to the post-secondary education system.

Conestoga's six-member delegation, headed by college president John Tibbits, met with the advisory panel on Oct. 30, 1996, and

reforms to the student loan repayment plan was one of their recommendations.

The suggestion for changes to the student loan repayment program is one of 18 recommendations included in the advisory panel's recently released report.

The report recommends that the government should introduce an income-contingent loan repayment plan that would include features which would be helpful to students. These features are: a postponement of interest payments until after the student completes his or her program of study; allowing students to repay the loan faster without penalty; the repayment plan be delivered as a joint

student assistant plan between federal and provincial governments; replace loan forgiveness with a program of needs-based grants; an investigation by the Ministry of Education of the high rate of default on student loans and consider a penalty be imposed on institutions with a high rate of default; interest on loans be tax deductible; and registered education savings plans be structured similarly to registered retirement savings plans to encourage people to save for their education.

Conestoga's secretary-treasurer, Kevin Mullan, said the recommendation for income-contingent loan repayment is supported by the college. See Loans Page 2

Business students' association seeking executive nominations

By Jennifer Dougall

Time is running out to put in a nomination for the '97-'98 Conestoga Business Students Association executive board.

The CBSA will be accepting nominations, open to any student in the business department regardless of their year, until Jan. 28, said Stefan Babic, CBSA president.

Babic said the CBSA is looking for "somebody who is prepared to put in some time."

After the nominations are in, the CBSA will choose a date for the nominees to deliver brief speeches. The class representatives will then vote on the positions.

The results will be announced at a representative meeting sometime in February.

Nominations are not limited to people with class representative experience. In the past, there has been a 60/40 split of nominees who were class representatives to those who were not, Babic said.

There are five positions available, including president, vice-president, treasurer, communications coordinator and promotions coordinator.

As of Jan. 17, there were two nominations for president, two for vice-president, four for promotions coordinator; about 12 nominations in total, Babic said.

Last year, there were three people running for president, but other positions had only one nominee.

Babic said it is nice to see people take an interest in the CBSA, so he is looking for more nominees in each category.

Psyche-kick



Dan Valkos (right) provides Erin Emanuel, a first-year law and security administration student, insight into her future. See Psychic Page 10

(Photo by Bryce Wilson)

Valentine Biz Bash expected to sell out

By Jennifer Dougall

The CBSA will be holding a Biz Bash Feb. 13 at Stages Nightclub.

The bash will have a Valentines Day theme, said Conestoga Business Student Association president Stefan Babic.

Babic expects to sell out the event, which has a ticket capacity of 800.

How much money the CBSA makes off the event will depend on how many people buy their tickets in

advance and how many buy them at the door.

The Biz Bashes are held to raise money for the CBSA. During the '95-'96 school year, the CBSA raised \$12,000 from Biz Bashes alone.

Babic said from 400 to 450 people attended the last Biz Bash.

Business faculty and administration can attend the Biz Bash free of charge if they bring their faculty card.

Tickets are \$6 advanced and \$8 at the door. Doors open at 8:00 p.m.

Doon's nurse moves to Alberta

By Tony Kobilnyk

Conestoga College will have to make due without the services of a full-time nurse until a replacement can be found for Carol-Ann Nelson, whose last day was Jan. 17.

Nelson, who has only been at Conestoga since September 1996, said she resigned her position in the health office shortly after she learned her husband, Don, had been hired by Alberta Boiler and Safety Association in Calgary, and they would be moving.

Nelson, who graduated from Lakehead University in 1990 with a bachelor of science in nursing, said she was looking forward to moving to Calgary but was sad about leaving Conestoga.

"I've really enjoyed working

here and meeting different people," Nelson said. "I'm really going to miss everyone."

Although Nelson does not have a job awaiting her in Calgary, she said that was not a concern for her. She is planning to wait a couple of months before looking for work and will stay home to settle her three daughters, Christie, 6, Jolie, 3 and Amie, 1 1/2, into their new surroundings.

Nelson said she very much enjoyed working with students and would like to find similar employment in a college or clinic in Calgary.

"The college was a great place to work," she said.

Nelson said some of her most memorable moments at Conestoga were while treating injuries at the woodworking centre. She said there were normally two or three people to look at when someone was injured.



Carol-Ann Nelson

"The guy who cut himself, and usually a couple of others looking pale and faint," she said.

Cold weather is not something Nelson said she was looking forward to in Calgary, but hopes her family will be happy and make good friends like they had here.

Nelson is leaving Kitchener on Feb. 4 to reunite with her husband who has already been in Calgary for several weeks.

"Everyone is welcome to visit me out in Calgary," she said.

Kim Radigan, the occupational health and safety and environmental coordinator will be available in the health office. Radigan will administer first aid but is not permitted to give out any medication.

Marilyn Fischer, who recently retired as the Conestoga nurse, will return on a part-time basis to assist Dr. Wang on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 9:20 a.m. to 11:10 a.m., until a replacement full-time nurse is hired.

DSA implements technology fee

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He said the 60-station computer lab will be in place for the September 1997 semester.

Although the prime use of the fee is to establish and operate the new 60-station lab, Gavin FitzPatrick, DSA entertainment manager, said the fee would be used to upgrade technology throughout the college.

The college up to now has treated its computers as capital expenditures and tried to keep them as long as possible, he said.

"But a computer's life cycle is shorter than bricks and mortar."

And the technology fee will help put the college on a cycle of upgrading every three or four years, said FitzPatrick.

He said there would be no additional charge for Internet access; however, students may be limited to 10 hours of Internet service with the option of paying for more time.

Students, who will have individual identification numbers for Internet access, will be able to use existing computer labs.

Conestoga supports advisory panel

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"It's good from the standpoint that it recognizes those students who have no income. They will not be hounded by a collection agency," Mullan said. "And those with a high income can pay the loan back faster."

This would free up more money to be lent to other students, he said.

"So really, what you've got, is a constant cycle replenishing the funds available."

As far as the possibility of penalties being imposed on colleges

with a high rate of loan default, Mullan said colleges carry some of the responsibility for the causes related to loan default.

He said Conestoga has the lowest rate of default of any Ontario college. The college system, said Mullan, has a loan default rate of approximately 21 per cent, while Conestoga's rate is about 15 per cent.

"There is probably a high correlation between students who don't complete programs and failure-to-pay rates," he said.

Mullan said that the panel's report is, overall, general in its recommendations.

He said Recommendation 1, which states post-secondary education should be funded to the same level as institutions in the states, fails to provide suggestions as to who will provide this funding.

"I think what they've stated is just a philosophical position."

Mullan also said the entire document is heavily biased towards the university sector.

Panel recommendations

Program chairs should be evaluated says union president

By Ross McDermott

The president of Conestoga's faculty union, local 237, is not in full agreement with one of the recommendations made by the Advisory Panel on Future Directions of Post-Secondary Education.

Walter Boettger said Recommendation 17 of the panel's report raises a valid concern while overlooking an important aspect.

The recommendation addresses the need for governing boards at post-secondary institutions to fulfil their responsibilities in regards to effective evaluation of performance in teaching.

Boettger said teachers should be evaluated on a more regular basis, but that program chairs should also be subjected to similar types of evaluation.

"If we think a chair could be doing a better job and some programs are in risk of failing, that has to be told," he said. "But there is no avenue at this point in time to do that."

Boettger said as far as teacher evaluation goes, there is a quasi-process in place, but no criteria to be followed.

Teacher evaluations are sometimes done by program chairs, but it is not done on a consistent basis, Boettger said.

"There must be some measure of performance, but it has to be a two-way street," he said.

"Why are we evaluating teach-

ers, and in turn, not evaluating program chairs?"

Boettger said, however, the union fully supports Recommendation 15 of the panel's report.

This recommendation suggests that colleges should support the academic development of existing faculty.

"The college, at this point, is rather weak in being proactive in this area," Boettger said.

He said there is a professional development clause in the union contract, but faculty doesn't use it to its maximum benefit.

Professional development is an area in which faculty and administration must focus.

"Years ago, the technology didn't change that quickly, so you would be in the system for a number of years before you became outdated," he said.

"At this point in time, you can become outdated in a couple of years." Right now, Boettger said, there is no vehicle in place, other than ones which are self-directed, for a teacher to upgrade his or her skills.

"It can be done, sometimes, in consultation with the program chair," he said, "but the problem is that the chair, quite often, is unaware of what the climate will be in two to three years down the road."

"So, in a lot of cases, its more or less a personal endeavor," Boettger said.

"If we think a chair could be doing a better job and some programs are in risk of failing, that has to be told. But there is no avenue at this point in time to do that."

Walter Boettger,
faculty union president

Advisory panel report on future of post-secondary education

Recommendation #1

*Correct the inadequacies in total financial resources available to post-secondary education.

Responsibility for this undertaking is to be shared by government, post-secondary institutions, students and families, and the private sector.

Recommendation #2

*Funding for post-secondary institutions be brought into line with similar institutions in the United States.

Recommendation #3

*Distribution of government grants to universities remain the same with the exception of minor modifications to enhance flexibility.

Recommendation #4

*Distribution of government grants to colleges change to a format similar to that of universities: corridor funding (based on a pre-set minimum or maximum enrolment; eg. if enrolment increases or

decreases by more than 3 per cent, funding is adjusted accordingly)

Recommendation #5

*Ontario government should increase the size of research overheads from \$23 million to \$100 million annually.

And develop a research policy to cover both basic and applied research in the public and private sectors.

Recommendation #6

*Government set an upper limit on fees used to calculate the amount of student assistance for which a student is eligible.

This upper limit will also regulate institutions in setting the cost of tuition.

If the institution goes over the upper limit, 30 per cent of the incremental revenue becomes available to students as financial assistance.

Recommendation #7

*Introduction of income-contingent loan repayment program

which includes: postponement of interest payments until after completion of program, or a number of fixed years, whichever comes first; a faster repayment program as an option, without penalty; make the plan a joint federal-provincial plan; replace loan forgiveness with a program of needs-based grants; an investigation by the Ministry of Education of the high rate of default on student loans; interest on money borrowed be tax deductible.

Recommendation #8

*Donations of assets be exempt from capital gains tax.

Recommendation #9

*Colleges should explore private and international training programs and the government should be supportive in its role.

Recommendation #10

*That government-defined geographical areas in which colleges can operate be abandoned.

But colleges must fulfil their

obligations for education and training in their local areas.

Recommendation #11

*The government should encourage the development of cooperative college-university programming, as well as shared services and facilities.

This includes the transfer of student credits from one institution to the other.

Recommendation #12

*That an Ontario College Diploma be developed as a unique designation, backed by a review process.

Recommendation #13

*The establishment of an advisory body to help assure governments, institutions, students and private organizations that assessments are an ongoing feature of post-secondary education in Ontario.

Recommendation #14

*Government should encourage institutional initiatives and

arrangements for expanding the geographic reach of programs and for using existing physical facilities more intensively, and should not plan at this time the construction of a new college or university.

Recommendation #15

*The establishment of a matching trust fund for faculty renewal. For colleges, the program should support academic development of existing faculty.

Recommendation #16

*That governing boards of post-secondary institutions ensure that excellence in teaching is rewarded.

Recommendation #17

*That governing boards of post-secondary institutions fulfil their responsibility for the evaluation of performance in teaching.

Recommendation #18

*To amend Ontario's policy and permit privately funded, not-for-profit universities to grant degrees.

Part-time instructor publishes book



THE MAGIC BOTTLE — Lee Bryant, a part-time instructor at the college, has published a book which chronicles her struggle with alcohol. (Photo by Wendy Cummins)

By Wendy Cummins

Behind one Conestoga door sits a teacher that has brought her life experience not only to the classroom but to a best-selling book.

Part-time instructor Lee Bryant has published her latest edition of a book which chronicles her struggle with alcohol and the psychological factors behind the addiction.

Bryant wrote the book, *The Magic Bottle*, because she said she felt people try to ignore the fact women can and are addicted to alcohol.

She said her purpose was partly to dispel a lot of the myths.

First published in 1978, she released a second edition of *The Magic Bottle* last year because she said the issue of women alcoholics is hotter now than it once was.

This is the second novel Bryant has written.

Her first publication was an international best-seller, *Come; Fill My Cup*, another novel which dealt primarily with women and alcohol addiction.

Bryant said she was drinking

heavily by the time she was 18 and was an alcoholic by the time she was 20.

She said one of the factors in her addiction was finding out, at a very young age, she was adopted, although she does blame some of it on her artistic temperament.

Throughout her travels, she said she found several other women in the same situation as herself, drinking heavily with no one to turn to.

Women's patterns of drinking are very different from a man's, she said.

With men, drinking is more likely to be for camaraderie and less likely to be a personal relationship, she said.

"Women hide their drinking because there is still a stigma on women," she said. "Nobody thinks it is funny when a woman goes staggering down the street, but they laugh at a man."

An aspiring artist, Bryant said she would sell her paintings to acquire the money needed to sustain her addiction. She would use travel passes from the railroad where she worked to travel to

locations where alcohol was available.

She said she realized she had to stop drinking after meeting a woman who could no longer control any facet of her life. She turned to God, she said, not to stop drinking but to find purpose. "With most people, not all, there has to be a spiritual dimension."

After breaking up with old friends that drank, Bryant went back to school at a bible college in Chicago. "I knew I had to chop it off at the root," she said. "If you go, you'll go to the bottom of the barrel and you'll never quit."

Bryant returned to Ontario after college and began speaking to several people that had been, or were, in the same position she had been in.

In 1988 she began teaching at Conestoga College. She teaches both world religion and Canadian history and recently she began teaching women in Canadian history.

She is not teaching in the spring semester but instead will focus on her next novel which deals with homosexuality and religion.

DSA's Walk Safe program needs more female volunteers

By Ellen Douglas

Conestoga's Walk Safe service may not run consistently if more females do not volunteer, said Doon Students Association president April-Dawn Blackwell.

Walk Safe is a group of volunteers organized by the DSA. Its purpose is to provide Conestoga students with a coed team — one male and one female — to escort them to their vehicles or homes.

Blackwell said if all goes smoothly the service will run from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

However, she said, as of Jan. 16 there were not enough female volunteers.

"Walk Safe needs a roughly equal number of female and male volunteers to work properly," said Blackwell.

"So far, Walk Safe has had a lot of men volunteer, but only four or five women."

She said there was a similar shortage of female volunteers in the fall semester.

The organizers of Walk Safe will try to keep the service running consistently, said Blackwell. "But it may not run certain nights if no one is available to volunteer on that particular night."

"I'm not sure why Walk Safe has had so few volunteers," said

Blackwell. "I do know that similar services have been more successful at universities and colleges where there is a high number of students on campus or in the surrounding community."

"Conestoga is mainly a commuter college. It does not have a large residence structure and therefore has no immediate access to students."

Conestoga's law and security administration students are one source of volunteers, said Blackwell.

"But Walk Safe has no formal connection to LASA."

LASA student Wes Matthews said he had never heard of Walk Safe.

His classmate, Derek Smith, said he had heard of it but it had never been mentioned by teachers as a possible volunteer opportunity.

Both students said, now that they know Walk Safe needs volunteers, they might be interested in joining it.

They agreed that other LASA students might also be interested in helping if they were made aware of the opportunity.

"It's easier to volunteer if someone approaches you with the information," said Smith. "I'm always looking for volunteer opportunities."

Harry Stavrou, a LASA instruc-

tor, said he was approached last year about the Walk Safe service. He said he mentioned it to his class at that time.

This term he heard nothing from Walk Safe until Blackwell called him Tuesday to thank him for sending two students to volunteer.

He said he plans to make reference to Walk Safe in his Tuesday class.

"One of the main things an employer looks for in the law and security field is volunteer experience," said Stavrou.

"All types of employers are looking for active members of the community," said Blackwell.

"You don't have to be getting into security to benefit from becoming a Walk Safe volunteer. We're all here to get out and find a job after."

"It's also a great way to meet people and experience teamwork. The more volunteers the merrier," she said.

For information on volunteering for Walk Safe students can go to the DSA office.

CORRECTION

In a Jan. 20 issue of Spoke, Myrna Nicholas' name was spelled incorrectly in a cutline.



WALK SAFE — Bob Gilberts, Conestoga's security supervisor, illustrates the service Walk Safe volunteers provide by walking April-Dawn Blackwell outside. (Photo by Wendy Cummins)



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JonBenet’s life more confusing than her death

By now, everyone has heard the story of JonBenet Ramsey. The six-year-old was sexually assaulted and murdered in her own basement in Boulder, Colo., while her family slept. A handwritten ransom note for \$118,000 was left on the back staircase.



It was the first, and only, murder of the year for the small community.

Shortly after her death, JonBenet’s parents, John and Patricia, hired attorneys, a private investigator and a public relations consultant. Her half-brother, John, and half-sister, Melinda, both gave Boulder police hair, blood and writing samples. John and Patricia Ramsey refused to be interviewed by police.

Police are nowhere near an arrest in the murder, but Boulder mayor Leslie Durgin has told the press, “There isn’t a crazed killer on the loose.”

And leaked photographs of the crime scene have put gruesome details of JonBenet’s murder on the tabloid shelf.

It all adds up to one confusing murder investigation.

But there is one thing more complicated than the whirlwind surrounding JonBenet’s death: The way she lived her life. And only after her death is JonBenet’s life being put into perspective.

“Beauty queen” and “Little Miss” adorn every reference to JonBenet from the media. Photos and home videos flashing across the 6 o’clock news show a heavily-styled and unnaturally made-up little girl.

The January 20th issue of People features a cover story on JonBenet. On the cover is a photo of JonBenet with bleach-blonde hair wearing a tiara and holding a sceptre. Inside photos show JonBenet wearing a sailor dress and a bathing suit with high heels.

The image conjured up by these photographs and footage is that of a Barbie doll: She can be dressed up, made up and posed for all to see.

John and Patricia Ramsey have hopefully thoroughly thought through the decision to release these types of media to the press.

While there is no doubt the girl in those photos is beautiful, she still would have been as beautiful without two layers of mascara and glowing red lips.

JonBenet Ramsey will be remembered by the public not as a young child, full of life and happiness, but as a woman-child, trying so hard to be older than she was.

Which may have been the thing that lead to her death in the first place.



Trade mission blind to problems

Team Canada’s trade mission to Asia — an effort to boost Canada’s injured economy — has already clinched over \$1 billion worth of contracts.

While for most Canadians, the state of our country’s economy may be a primary concern, there is a moral issue that must be weighed very carefully by both the government and the citizens.

Recent news reports say many of the nations Team Canada is visiting and negotiating with use child labor to manufacture their products.

In Thailand, children work in sweatshops making soccer balls, clothing and other products for export to western countries such as Canada and the U.S.



These children, many of whom have been sold to employers to pay off parental debts, work 12 to 15-hour days and earn only about \$3 per day.

Some are force-fed amphetamines by employers and most are in poor health.

Many are physically abused. The moral dilemma here is whether or not Canada should take responsibility for these atrocities by boycotting trade with these countries and in the process lose dollars and valuable contacts.

At what price is Canada willing to advance its own interests?

The child-labor issues in India, Pakistan and many South Asian countries has been well-publicized for years and still, western countries continue to do business with them.

Canadians work so hard to protect our own children from poverty, abuse and neglect and yet turn a blind eye to the children who may well be making the

products we buy every day?

These working children have nowhere near the quality of life of most Canadian children, and many will not live to adulthood.

Canada has one of the highest standards of living in the world and also has a reputation for being compassionate and basically harmless.

However, support of nations which are severely abusing their children is not harmless. It is irresponsible. So before we line up to congratulate the prime minister on his great contributions to Canada, we should think twice about the consequences of trade with South Asia and take a stand to protect children everywhere.

Quality of life is about much more than money. It’s also about caring for other people and having self-respect.

Team Canada may have scored on this mission, but they’re really not winning the game.

Tories waste \$8 million on commercials

Recently, Premier Mike Harris’s smiling face has adorned television screens across Ontario in a series of commercials paid for by the Progressive Conservative party. The cost of these commercials was about \$800,000.



The message of these advertisements is clear. Ontarians should “feel good” about the Common Sense revolution.

Well, get ready to feel bad.

On Jan. 15, Finance Minister Ernie Eves admitted the government will spend an estimated \$8 million in taxpayers’ money to pay for commercials explaining the changes to education, health-care, welfare and municipalities, announced during what has been dubbed “megaweek” (the week of Jan. 13) at Queen’s Park.

Some of these changes include: the reduction of school boards from 168 to 66 and a \$5,000 salary cap to be imposed on board trustees; the addition of \$5.4 billion to provincial spending through the removal of education from residential property taxes; and the downloading of \$6.4 billion worth of previously provincially funded services to municipalities.

These are things the public has a right to know. But should the public have to pay to receive this message?

In a Jan. 16 article in the Toronto Star, Eves said, “I think government has a responsibility to communicate with the electorate. I understand certain people may disagree with the message being communicated, that’s their right.”

The key words in this statement stand out like a pile of manure in a snow-covered field: “government has a responsibility to communicate with the electorate.”

Why then, is the electorate being

flipped an \$8 million bill to receive this message?

In the same Toronto Star article, deputy Liberal leader Joe Cordiano said the use of taxpayers’ dollars to pay for the advertisements is “bogus.”

What’s with this guy? Why can’t he say it’s wrong — plain and simple — in a political and moral sense?

The Tories have reached the pinnacle in their arrogance.

The conservative party seems to think it can do whatever it pleases, and are exempt from any responsibility to the public.

For them to suggest that the people should pay to find out what they are doing, is ludicrous.

As Susan Powter would say, “Stop the insanity!”

Once again, the Tories have managed to stick it to the people and successfully prove that the Common Sense Revolution, actually makes no sense at all.

STUDENT LIFE

Kids in the lab OK, students say

By Rick Kew

Opinion seems sympathetic toward students who would like to bring their children into Conestoga's computer labs, during evening hours to do extra work or complete assignments.

Although policy allows children on campus, Conestoga security operates under guidelines that limit access to computer labs to registered Conestoga students only.

In an informal survey of 12 students taken after day classes had ended, only three students thought children should not be allowed in computer labs.

However, two of those three students said Conestoga should consider providing evening childcare

for students' children.

Krista Ogg, a third-year marketing student, said, "I've been in classes with other students' children and I didn't find it distracting, but I would not want children in the (computer) labs."

Ogg said Conestoga should look into providing some form of childcare that could be used as a marketing tool for continuing education programs. She said the service could then be used by day students if needed in the evenings.

Joy Mishra, a second-year mechanical engineering student, was working at a computer in 2A05 and he said children who were quiet would not bother him.

Mishra said if the children became a problem then the parent

should be asked to leave. "But they (parents) should be given the opportunity (to bring their children in)."

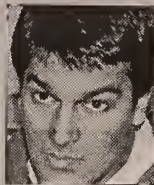
Third-year marketing student Kevin Allen said, "No matter how well behaved the children might be, I would still find it distracting."

Allen said he could understand the plight of student-parents and given the fact Conestoga has an ECE program, could there not be some form of co-operation to provide childcare in the evenings.

"I don't care if people have sex in here (computer lab 2A05), it wouldn't bother me," said Derek Kleinfeldt, a third-year wood-working technology student. Kleinfeldt, who uses Conestoga computers two or three evenings a week, said he had no problem with



Krista Ogg



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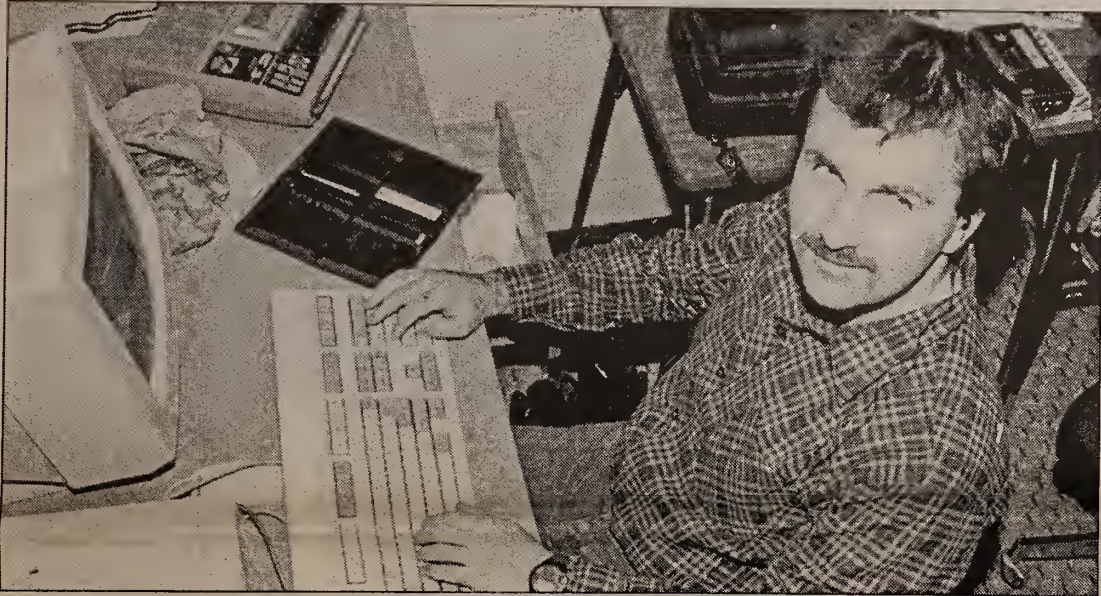
Jonathon Matchett

the idea of children in the computer labs.

Geo Merino, a continuing education student, taking a Window's computer course said, "Most people taking college courses have planned for childcare." But, he said, a regular babysitter could get sick and by the time they (other students) get another sitter it is too late to accomplish anything.

Students shouldn't be made to feel different by having to ask for special permission to bring their children into computer labs at night, said Jonathon Matchett, a second-year business administration management studies student.

"There always has to be an exception. College policy and guidelines are just that — policy and guidelines," said Matchett.



LISTEN UP — Carey Ruby listens to a computer in the special needs office.

(Photo by Rick Kew)

Talking computer helps student learn

By Lynn Jackson

Conestoga's special-needs office offers specialized equipment which enables visually-impaired students to complete reading assignments — a "talking" computer.

Carey Ruby, 31, a small business development student who is visually-impaired, said in an interview that the computer reads his assignments to him.

"It's your ordinary computer, and then added on to it is a voice output called Multi-voice," says Ruby.

Multi-voice, a voice synthesizer, is a small, box-like hardware component which attaches to the computer and acts like a speaker.

"I get my assignments on handouts and use a scanner to put them into the computer, and then the assignment becomes a computer file," said Ruby.

He said his textbooks are dealt with in the same way.

"My textbooks basically get cut apart, and then I scan every page into the computer," he said.

The information is then transformed into a computer file which can be read aloud using Multi-voice and a software program called JAWS.

JAWS, which stands for job access with speech, converts the text on the screen into spoken words which are then directed to the voice synthesizer.

JAWS is not the only software program of this nature available, but Ruby said he prefers it because he finds it more user-friendly than the others he has used.

The software allows Ruby to easily manipulate the computer-spoken words using a keyboard.

Words can be repeated, slowed down, made louder and so on.

A former computer programmer/analyst student, Ruby said he had to transfer into the 20-week small business development program because the CP/A program was getting too visual for him.

"When I started the program, I was working in DOS, and then it moved to Windows.

"It was getting so visual that it didn't seem practical for me to

carry on," he said.

Ruby said the skills he learned in the CP/A program are not lost.

He can still utilize those skills, but says he views the small business course as more realistic for him.

"The courses I'm in now specifically help you pursue starting up a small business of your own," said Ruby.

Interested in someday opening a business of his own, Ruby said he would like to become a supplier of special-needs equipment for the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

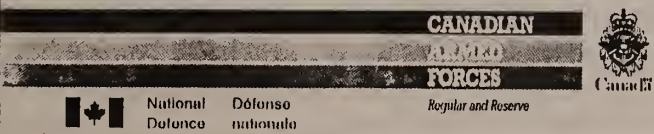
"I still have to do a market research analysis to see how feasible opening a business like that in this area would be," said Ruby.

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STUDENT LIFE

Muslim student fasts for month of Ramadan

By Pat Craton

Ramadan, the holiest month of the year for Muslims, is a time of fasting and spiritual renewal. Salman Tahir, a first-year business administration accounting student from Pakistan, said it is done by exercising control of the mind.

The sighting of the new moon signals the start of Ramadan. During the month, Tahir said practising Muslims are forbidden to eat, drink, smoke or have sex between sunrise and sunset.

Tahir rises before 6 a.m. so he can eat and say his prayers before sunrise. The early morning meal is all he has until sunset, which is shortly after 5 p.m.

The times of sunrise and sunset for each week is listed on a timetable which Tahir gets from a mosque (a Muslim place of public worship) in Waterloo.

Tahir said fasting is not really difficult for him because he has been doing it since the age of nine.

"The first few days are difficult but after that, you get accustomed."

He finds it easier to fast here than back at home. "Pakistan is a much hotter country than Canada so it is harder to fast there

because of the heat. The days here are also shorter."

While attending classes, fasting is not a problem. He admits however, that sometimes it is hard to concentrate when working on difficult assignments.

The sight of food or his friends eating does not tempt or bother Tahir. But because he is a smoker, he finds the urge to have a cigarette more difficult to control.

As part of the spiritual aspect of Ramadan, Muslims are expected to exercise more self-control, patience, forbearance, charity, extra meditation and prayer.

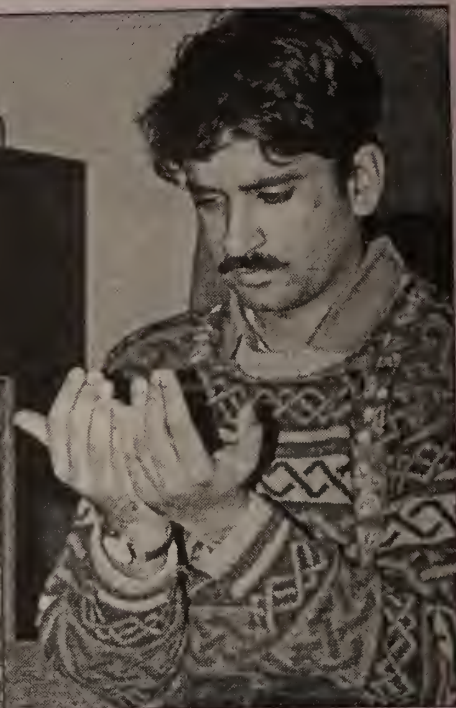
"One should not get angry during fasting hours but sometimes it becomes difficult not to become irritated when you're hungry, thirsty and tired. Self-control has to be exercised," he said.

As for prayers, Tahir said it is not always possible to fulfill the normal five times a day because classes get in the way.

However, he does manage to pray at least three times a day — before sunrise, after his meal at sunset and then late at night before sleep.

The end of Ramadan is celebrated with the men saying special prayers thanking Allah for giving them the strength for lasting the month. The women stay at home

TOWARD MECCA — First-year business administration accounting student Salman Tahir says his Namaz (a Muslim prayer) in honor of the holy month of Ramadan. Tahir prays in Room 1B09, one of the rooms designated for students to practice their religion. (Photos by Trish Jackson)



to prepare the food for the feasting which follows.

"This Ramadan will be a tough one for me. It will not be the same," he said, referring to his first Ramadan away from home.

Then again, he thinks the mosque might have something planned, in which case, he'll celebrate the end of Ramadan there.

Ramadan began Jan. 10 and ends Feb. 10, give or take a few days because the date varies from culture to culture.

Graphic exhibitionists show their stuff

By Lisa Kloefer

The third-year Conestoga graphics and advertising class will be holding a graphics exhibition at Kitchener City Hall in February.

Joanne Kyriakou, team leader of the exhibition, said the students will show their work to increase and promote awareness of what exactly graphic and advertising students do.

Graphic and advertising students deal primarily with logo design, packaging, poster design, advertising, and corporate identity. The class has named the three-day event "Graphic Exhibitionists."

The exhibition has been held in Toronto in the past, Kyriakou said, but this year the students decided to keep the exhibition local to entice freelance opportunities.

The exhibitions had stopped for a few years because no one bothered to organize them, she said. The students realized the opportunities an exhibition might provide, so they decided to organize one this year.

Their objective is to create a platform where they can show their work and create contacts in the industry, Kyriakou said. Ideally, the students hope

to acquire full-time positions.

The exhibition also gives the students a chance to give their parents and friends a better understanding of their program.

"A lot of our parents and friends do not know exactly what we do," she said.

Word of mouth is important to these students. They hope the exhibition can heighten their profile in the community.

This year's event is special, Kyriakou said, because it is entirely student initiated and organized. The 23 students involved receive no grade for organizing the event.

"Graphic design is important because it effects all of us," said Kyriakou. "We all have access to people who need design. We all need it at some time."

The students will hold an opening ceremony on Feb. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. It will include various guest speakers who work in the industry.

The exhibit is open to anyone wishing to attend.

The students will be promoting and showing their work in the foyer of Kitchener City Hall Feb. 13 through Feb. 15, with showings Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Unions of future focus on problem solving

By Trish Jackson

Walter Boettger, president of the OPSEU Local 237, the college's faculty union, said unions have come a long way and he predicts more changes for the future.

"Unions of the year 2000 will be much different in how they present themselves. It'll be more of a problem solving environment, instead of the posturing that took place in the past and the aggressiveness of both parties to see who's going to fall down first."

Boettger said it is necessary changes be made by both the union and management.

"We should be participating together in joint ventures to

resolve the problem, instead of having an autocratic system. That style was O.K. maybe 20 years ago, but the world is evolving to more 'let's work together.'

"I'm not going to let management off the hook here, they have to change their style too, to be more participative. Some management still have not broken out of the mold of the old-style of administration."

Boettger also said Local 237 is different from other labor unions in that a third party, the students, is brought into the equation.

"We are a labor union, but the thing is, we have a much different product. Most unions are in the manufacturing sector, we are an

education sector. The students are always caught in the middle, and they're the people that are hurt."

However, Boettger feels the union's effort to get better pay and working conditions will attract the best and most highly motivated teachers, which is an advantage to students, he said.

The union's core purpose is taking care of the concerns of the 228 faculty members, including working conditions and resolving internal disputes, Boettger said.

The union is currently in negotiations with management for a new contract; the current contract expires Sept. 1, 1997.

The key area of concern is over teacher workload, said Boettger.



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STUDENT LIFE

Adventurous security guard a hero, dean says

By Helene Beaulieu

The sight of Doon security officer Tim Thorman directing traffic around campus these days is enough to make the average person shiver.

At a time when most well-bundled people are huddling deeper into their winter coats for warmth against the frigid cold of January, Thorman appears more than a little out of place wearing only his blue security sweater.

"It was only -10 (degrees) yesterday," he said in a recent interview.

Thorman, 25, who is responsible for the outer buildings on campus, said he's used to the cold because he spends half his shift outside.

In early January he was commended for his involvement in the Dec. 13, 1996, closure of the C and D wings of Doon's main building during a supposed chemical spill. Two hundred guests were relocated to the student client service building for a pinning social to mark the graduation of about 50 nurses from the 1996 program.

Bill Jeffrey, dean of health sciences and community services, wrote to Gerry Brennan, district manager of Wackenhut security, calling Thorman a hero for his efforts in averting a potential disaster.

When asked about the letter Thorman said, "The thanks was

great," but he considers his actions from that night to be just part of the job.

"It's not just opening doors and checking I.D. It's more of a customer service position," he said, "This was their graduation ceremony. This is their last memory of the school. You don't just want to hand them their certificate and say, 'That's it. You've got to go'."

He describes himself as an average, ordinary, everyday guy, with some very extra-ordinary interests.

Thorman has a passion for adventure sports. He teaches climbing and rappelling from the caves in the Rockwood Quarry and said, "I have enough gear to take six people climbing at one time."

Thorman's interest in climbing began 5 1/2 years ago when he was still afraid of heights.

He went with a friend and said he got bored waiting at the top, so he decided to try it himself. "My friend showed me how and we just jumped over the cliffs."

"It's a high-adrenaline sport, so you get hooked fast," he said, before taking the time to demonstrate the way to hang at a 45 degree angle from the edge of a cliff. "Then you just fall back," he said.

He explained the rope used for this sport (called a static line) holds about two-metric tons, and

the descent, which is completely controlled by your own hand, requires little force to stop.

But Thorman's interests don't end there.

He dreams of going to the University of the Caribou, in Kamloops, British Columbia. There, he said, they have a two-year program in adventure tourism.

The program offers courses in scuba, rock climbing and avalanche prevention/rescue, and Thorman said he would be able to learn the business aspects of operating an adventure-tour company. Ultimately, he said, he would like to be working full-time at a year-round camp for kids.

He also manages to find other outlets for his adventurous nature. Thorman, who lives across from the Waterloo campus in north Waterloo, said it only takes him 37 minutes to get to Doon on his bike. "Sometimes in the summer, my girlfriend and I bike 200 kilometres in a weekend."

He said he enjoys camping and would like to try ice climbing. And, "I want to try parachuting, badly," he said.

But Thorman has his limits. "I don't mind jumping off a 100-foot cliff with 11-millimetre rope, but I won't jump off a 200-foot tower with an elastic band. I'm not crazy."



SUPER MAN — Tim Thorman, a security guard at the Doon campus, received a letter for his heroic efforts during a nursing program pinning ceremony.
(Photo by Trish Jackson)

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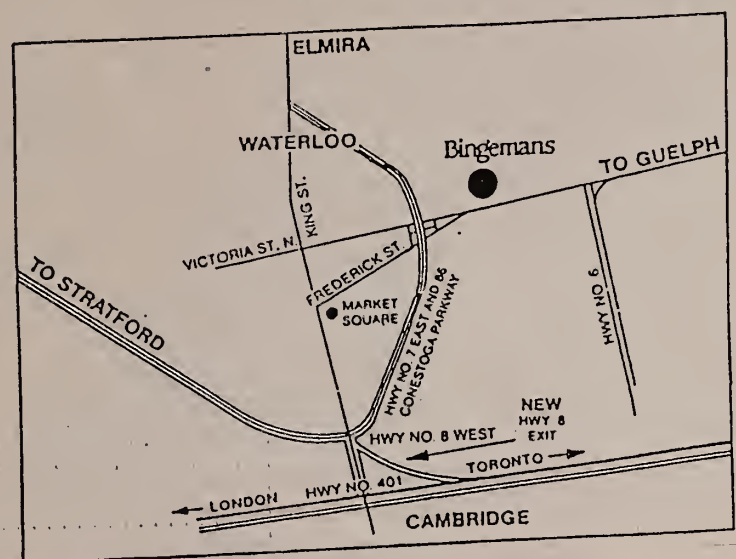
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STUDENT LIFE

Students make music in the woodworking centre

By Colleen Cassidy

The rhythmic noises of saws and hammers in the workshop at the woodworking centre seem like appropriate background sounds for Paul Bruce and Mike McDougall as they work.

The two men, both second-year woodworking technician students, are building musical instruments for their class projects.

Bruce is building an acoustic guitar and McDougall is constructing a mandolin.

Both men eventually want to become luthiers — builders of stringed musical instruments.

McDougall, who plays several stringed instruments and performs as a street busker in Brighton, Ont., said he doesn't expect to get rich making instruments.

Except for a demand for violins, he said the market for handmade instruments is small. There are some serious collectors and some musicians prefer hand-built instruments.

After graduation, he will probably supplement his income, for a time, as a part-time busker, McDougall said.

He said he would eventually like to apprentice at one of two schools that teach violin-making in Corona, Italy.

After he graduates, Bruce, who plays guitar, plans to work full-time in a specialty furniture shop in Kingston, Ont., and build stringed instruments as a sideline.

Bruce built two guitars before

entering the program, and McDougall made a banjo.

Both say the instruments they are currently working on will be more elaborate than their previous attempts.

Bruce said they are building their projects of the same materials, but they are of better quality.

The backs and sides of the instruments are going to be built with rosewood, mahogany is being used for the fretboards, and the tops will be made from spruce.

The nuts and saddles will be made from cattlebone, and the inlaying will be crushed abalone shell.

Bruce said they didn't make their own designs for their instruments, because the plans have been perfected over the centuries.

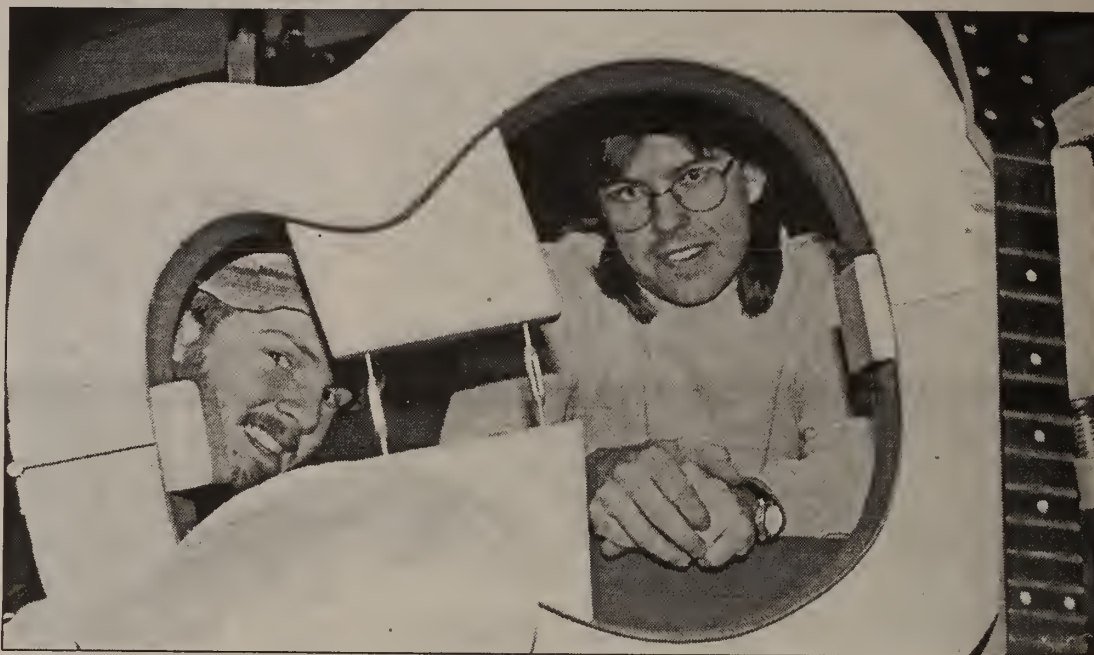
To help them with the construction of the instruments, Bruce and McDougall purchased books of plans for their respective instrument. As well, Bruce blew up photos of the guitar he is using as a model.

Both say it is a lot of work, but they think it's worth it.

Bruce said because they play a stringed instrument, they are probably finding it easier to build one, than a person who doesn't play would.

Because they play, they are familiar with how the instrument should sound and feel.

McDougall said their instructors are supportive of their work. But, because they've never built a musical instrument, they are



HELLO IN THERE — (From left) Mike McDougall and Paul Bruce, both second-year woodworking students, are in the process of constructing musical instruments. (Photo by Ross McDermott)

unable to offer as much help as they would like to. Most of the instructors are cabinetmakers.

Mark Bramer, a co-ordinator of the woodworking technologist program, said the instructors don't teach students how to make musical instruments.

They teach techniques regarding different woods, as well as how to use different types of tools and equipment.

He said musical instruments are a challenge to make properly, and the faculty is pleased when a student is successful.

College to honor alumni with new annual awards

By Bob Puersten

Conestoga will be starting an annual award to recognize achievement and success in its graduates, said Mary Wright, manager of alumni services.

The Alumnus of Distinction Award is modelled after the Premier's Awards.

Both sets of awards are designed to recognize "graduates who have achieved personal and professional success" and who have shown "a real commitment

to others and substantial career success," according to information provided by the alumni affairs office, said Wright.

The people who are honored should be well-rounded, having experience with career success and volunteering in the community, said Wright.

She said four graduates will be honored by the college, one each of the four areas: applied arts, business, technology, and health services and community services.

Nominees for the Alumnus of Distinction awards will be selected by a nominating committee consisting of former candidates for the Premier's Awards, Wayne Hussey, executive director of community relations at Conestoga College, Wright, and four members of college community chosen for their distinction, Wright said.

The call for nominations for the Alumnus of Distinction Award should be out for the first week of February.

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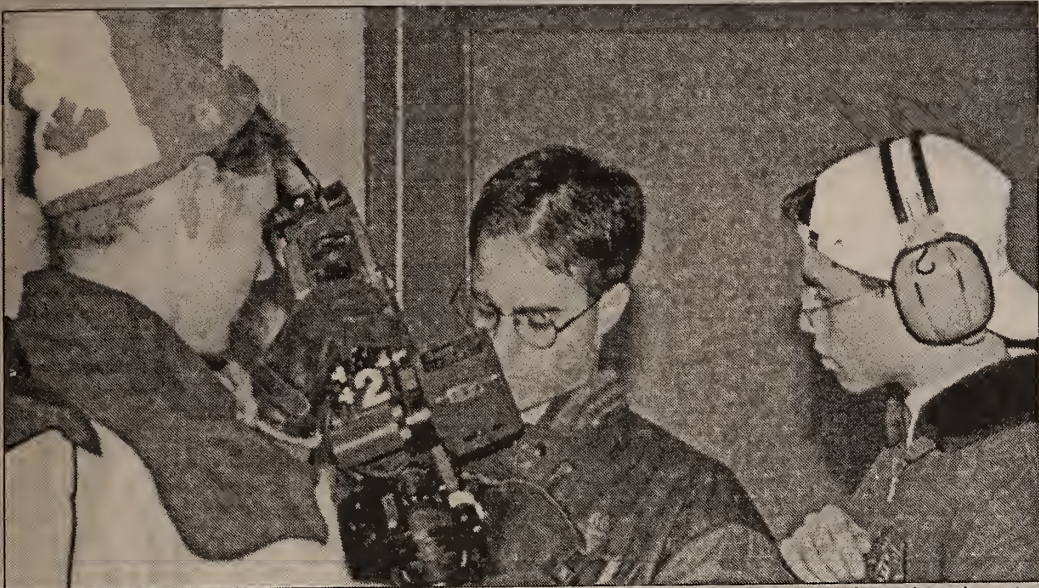


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STUDENT LIFE

Settin' up



(From left) Roger Wardell, Roland Archer and Russell Archer, all second-year broadcasting students, set up their camera for a mock newscast Jan. 17.
(Photo by Trish Jackson)

Off-campus story

K-W Tai Chi Society attracts local politicians

By Bob Puersten

Waterloo North MPP Elizabeth Wittmer was a guest of honor at the open house of the K-W Tai Chi Society Jan. 18.

Also present at the open house was Kitchener Coun. Kim Redman, Waterloo Coun. Mike Connolly, Kitchener Coun. Wayne Wetlauffer, and Berry Verbanovic, Kitchener's acting mayor while Richard Christy is out of the country on Prime Minister Jean Chretien's team Canada trade mission in the far east.

The open house was held by the local chapter of the Tai Chi Society to celebrate the opening of the chapter's Kitchener-Waterloo office, its fourth location since the

chapter opened in 1982, said Murray Johnston, a volunteer with the organization.

Tai Chi was brought to Canada by Moi Lin-Shin, a Taoist monk.

The society, which he founded in 1970, has spread from starting in Toronto to around the world, said Frame.

Johnston said that the objectives of the Tai Chi Society is to make Tai Chi available to all, to promote the health-improving qualities of Tai Chi, to promote cultural exchange, and to help others through work with charitable organizations.

In addition to the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony, there was a demonstration of the Tai Chi set and the Tai Chi sabre set.

Used books sold at Doon Student Association, not at bookstore

By Anita Filevski

Students around campus complain about the cost of textbooks at the beginning of every semester.

So why doesn't the bookstore sell them used?

"The college has never had a used bookstore or sold used books within the store," said Vanda Kelly, manager of retail operations at the bookstore.

"Besides, it would be the college's decision to sell used books, not the bookstore's," she said.

Kelly said the problem with selling used books would be getting teachers to commit to their textbooks choices for the next term early on.

"We have to buy the books back from the students and have enough

of them on time for the next semester," said Kelly. "We have to have enough lead time."

Nevertheless, the Doon Student Association sells used textbooks to students, usually in the last week of August or during orientation in the first week of September, Kelly said.

This is the DSA's third year selling used books, an idea which originated out of student requests, said Becky Boertien, director of student life for the DSA.

Boertien said students can choose from about 200 used books in the Sanctuary during the first week of the fall term.

"They're mostly business textbooks though, because most students in programs such as those that are health-related like to hold

on to their textbooks for future reference," she said.

The DSA sets the price of the textbook and then adds tax and a service charge, Boertien said.

"For example, if a book was \$10, we would add on tax and a service charge.

"The student selling the book gets the \$10 and we take the service charge and put it right back into school activities,"

Boertien said.

However, the DSA only sells used books once a year.

Rich Ventura, a first-year management studies student, said a year-round used bookstore run by students is a great idea.

"The books may be in rough shape, but they still do the job," Ventura said. "And they would be helpful for students coming into the school the following semester."

But Ventura, like many other students, didn't even know the DSA sold used textbooks.

Most students only know to look at bulletin boards around the school, like the one next to the continuing education office across from the learning resource centre, where students post notices in hopes of selling their old textbooks to other students now taking the class.

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Fri. Feb. 7

- *Team Ski & Snow, 11:30 am, Outside Main Cafe.



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STUDENT LIFE

Psychic predicts future for students at nooner

By Bryce Wilson

Psychic Dan Valkos had students lined up waiting to hear his predictions at the psychic fair in the Sanctuary on Jan. 16.

Valkos, 45, allowed each student to ask him only three questions about their futures but still couldn't keep up with the crowd.

He finished his show at 12:45 p.m. and had to turn people away because he said he was too drained to continue.

April-Dawn Blackwell, Doon Student Association president, said this is the second time Valkos has been to Conestoga since September and the turnout was better than before.

She said Valkos talked to approximately 183 students before stopping.

Blackwell said she thought most people just went for the entertain-

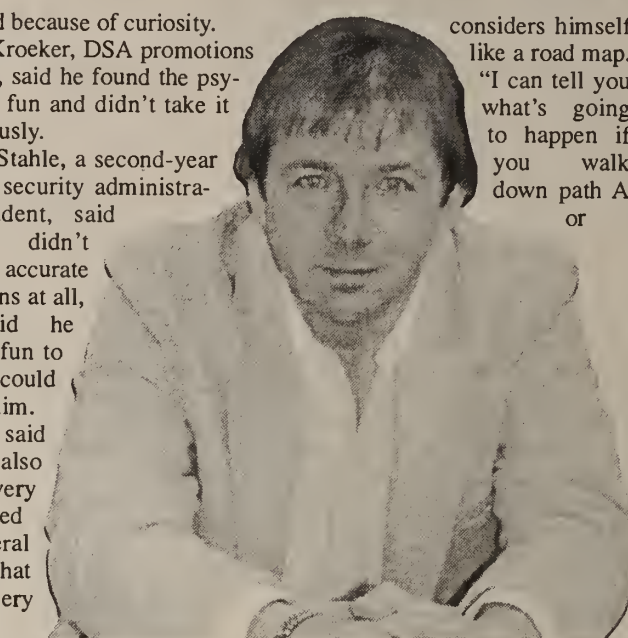
ment and because of curiosity.

Chris Kroeker, DSA promotions assistant, said he found the psychic fair fun and didn't take it too seriously.

Derek Stahle, a second-year law and security administration student, said Valkos didn't give him accurate predictions at all, and said he found it fun to see if he could deceive him.

He said Valkos also gave very open-ended and general answers that weren't very specific.

Valkos said he



PSYCHIC — Dan Valkos sits in the Sanctuary where he predicted the future for 183 students. (Photo by Bryce Wilson)

considers himself like a road map.

"I can tell you what's going to happen if you walk down path A or

what's going to happen if you walk down path B," he said, "but you're still the orchestrator of your own destiny."

Valkos visits 60 to 65 colleges annually and said females most often ask about their love lives while males usually ask about careers.

Outside of college, questions more often deal with family, children and success.

Valkos doesn't run into many skeptics today because, he said, the prevailing attitude is definitely changing and more people are believing in the paranormal.

Valkos moved to Canada 12 years ago and became a citizen about five years ago and now resides south of Sarnia.

He became involved in psychic development in 1969 and said he was originally a skeptic and thought it was all garbage.

Valkos doesn't claim to have any great or mysterious powers and said he had teachers who helped him to develop his psychic abilities.

He eventually became chief investigator for the Association of Psychic Investigative Researchers and said he was also the director of the Paranormal Enlightenment Centre, in Detroit, for seven years.

Today, Valkos runs all-day psychic development workshops at about 24 colleges each year.

He said he teaches people how to meditate, analyze dreams and to play ESP games to enhance their intuition.

Everybody is psychic and can develop their abilities, he said, people just have to trust that small voice inside themselves.

"The best psychic in the world that you could ever go to is yourself."



HELPING HAND — Bev Cutone, vice president of student affairs, helps run one of the displays for the Campus Canada Caravan Jan. 14. (Photo by Bryce Wilson)

Campus caravan promotes goods while putting on show for students

By Bryce Wilson

A variety of kiosks entertained students in the Sanctuary on Jan. 14 as Campus Canada Caravan stopped by Conestoga as part of a multi-college tour throughout Ontario.

Aaron Richman, director of advertising for the campus tour, said the displays are sponsored by major companies hoping to promote products to students by using interactive events and free gifts.

Companies such as EMI, Canada Trust, Energizer and Molson Canadian displayed their goods and offered students chances at winning prizes, including a trip to Quebec.

Becky Boertien, Doon Student Association director of student life, said this is the third year campus caravan has come to Conestoga.

She said it was hard to tell exactly how many people came into the Sanctuary, but hundreds of people passed through the high-traffic area throughout the day.

The displays were open from approximately 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and students who volunteered to operate the kiosks were paid \$8 an hour by Campus Canada Caravan.

Boertien said the Caravan may return next year if scheduling permits; however, the DSA may try to charge the caravan for coming onto campus since they're providing access to a student market.

Many students filled out ballots for prizes and Boertien said she doesn't think all students are aware their names are being entered into a database that can send out "junk mail".

"We do have the odd client that will utilize the names for a direct-mail campaign," said Richman.

However, he estimated 99 per cent do not use the names because 30 per cent of students live in residence, which is not a permanent mailing address.

For example, Richman said, General Mills uses the data collected to develop marketing plans for the future year, and Ford needs the addresses to send out the \$750 cash back offers for graduates.

Richman said the caravan runs in two separate waves and visits 40 campuses.

In September and October, the displays travel from Ontario out to the West Coast. In January and February, from Ontario to the East Coast.

Names for the prizes will be drawn after the conclusion of the tour. Some sponsors will give prizes for each campus, but there will only be one beer can stereo prize for all of Canada.

This is the seventh year for the Toronto-based caravan which is directly related to the Campus Canada Magazine, published four times a year.

The DSA gets a fee for distributing the Campus Canada Magazine and Boertien said they place the magazine in the Sanctuary and on top of the microwaves in the cafeteria.

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SPORTS

College intramural season underway

By Tim Kylie

Seven basketball teams and 14 volleyball teams will compete in a new intramural season at Conestoga College, said athletics assistant Marlene Ford.

The teams were confirmed at a captains' meeting held at the Kenneth E. Hunter recreation centre Jan. 15, Ford said, adding that a couple of volleyball teams might join late.

Ford said the season will get started Jan. 22, with basketball being played from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and volleyball from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., weekly, on Wednesdays.

Intramurals have been around Conestoga "since athletics started," Ford said.

When asked about colorful team names for this season's entrants, Ford mentioned Sunset Park, Fuzzy Bunny Feet, Spikers, and Bump and Grind.

Woodies is a team made up of woodworking students and Reckies is a team made up of recreational staff, Ford said.

April Haldenby, the promotions and publicity member of the student athletic committee, said this semester's captains' meeting was subdued compared to last semester's meeting which was "insane."

Haldenby said some students who were interested in meeting people and playing intramurals last semester probably decided not to play this semester because of a greater school work load.

She said this semester was mainly for teams that could not "get in" last semester, although the intramural program was able to accommodate most of the teams last semester.

Haldenby will play volleyball this season with Bump and Grind. Her team made the playoffs last semester but did not advance, she said.

Haldenby first became interested in Conestoga's intramural sports last year when she saw information about the program in the cafeteria during the intramural blitz frosh week.

Having played a lot of intramural sports in high school, Haldenby was interested in the program and got involved with organizing students in residence onto teams.

Later, she got involved with the Student Athletic Committee because she knew someone on the committee who encouraged her to apply for a position.

SAC promotes and runs all the intramural events at Conestoga, Haldenby said.

The committee also organizes extramural tournaments involving other schools, she said.

A co-ed volleyball tournament and a men's hockey tournament is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. Feb. 7 at the recreation centre, she added.

Intramural ball hockey and intramural ice hockey are continuing this semester, she said.

There are few problems with intramural teams defaulting games, Haldenby said, because each team pays a \$25 bond which they get back after the

season if they showed up for every game. Ice-hockey teams pay a \$100 bond.

Likewise, with the possible exception of ball hockey, there is no problem with players arguing calls.

Most sports are self-refereed, Haldenby said.

"If it's out, it's out. You go on each other's word," she said.

Haldenby said she likes intramural sports because it gives her a chance to meet people in an informal, not overly-competitive, setting.

"I don't think it's a serious thing," Haldenby said. "It's fun."

Haldenby was pleased with the way things have been shaping up for this season.

"I think everything has gone pretty smoothly so far this year," she said.



WIDE OF THE MARK — This shot by the Conestoga Condors during the Jan. 15 game against the Seneca Braves looks like it's in, but the puck just misses the net and goes off to the side. Seneca won the game 3-0. (Photo by Peggy Sue Ironside)

Lack of discipline causes loss for Condors, hockey coach says

By Peggy Sue Ironside

Needless penalties and a lack of discipline resulted in the Condors being trounced 3-0 by the visiting Seneca Braves on Jan. 15, said Conestoga's hockey coach.

A scoreless game in the first period, Seneca's Jeff Kilb slammed the first goal home early in the second period, and his teammate Owen Davis made it 2-0 later in the period.

With 7:35 left in the game, Seneca's Paul Carter made it 3-0 to end the scoring.

In a post-game interview, Tony Martindale said he was disappointed with the first-half of the Condor's season and had brought in three new players to help turn around the second half.

Joining the team are goalie Darryl Whyte, forward Jeff Schmidt and defence Brad Miziner. Not returning to play are forwards Scott Nichol and Steve Buchanan.

Martindale said he expects Miziner to bring leadership to the team, with his maturity, and a toughness on defence.

After the competition, Martindale said Whyte had the best game, saying he played well throughout.

Martindale said he thought Seneca played a good game, and they were willing to do what it took to win.

Namely, he said, staying out of the penalty box. As well as driving to the net, keeping the puck low and making good decisions in their end.

"The referee showed early in the game that he would be calling slashing," said Martindale. "But our guys just didn't pick up on it, and it cost us in the long run."

"When you kill penalties, you tend to get off your game," he added. "The game loses its flow."

Conestoga had five penalties to Seneca's two.

"We're losing games because they (the players) are not disciplined," said Martindale. "The coach has to make sure they're disciplined, and if it means sitting out a few guys then that's what has to be done."

Seneca coach Francesco Bazzocchi said he didn't remem-

ber his team getting a power-play goal with any of Conestoga's penalties and couldn't say the Condor penalties worked to his team's advantage.

Bazzocchi said he felt really good after the game. One of his worries had been Seneca's ability to play on Conestoga's larger ice surface. Seneca plays on a much smaller ice surface at home, he said, and it took his players awhile to get used to the larger surface.

Bazzocchi said the game was close and could have gone either way. "The Condors had some excellent scoring chances, we just got a few of the breaks."

As for the penalties, he said the Condors are a tough, physical team, and he tried to maintain the Braves' discipline and not retaliate.

He likes the way Conestoga plays and said the Condors played better during this game than they had shown all year.

They had three solid lines, good goaltending, and played with an aggressive style, said Bazzocchi.

"I think they can be a dangerous team," he added.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Movie Review

Evita proves Madonna more than a pretty face

By Peggy Sue Ironside

In director Alan Parker's musical-drama *Evita*, a rags to riches story starring Madonna, Antonio Banderas and Jonathan Pryce, the audience is introduced to a mammoth production of sights, sounds and people.

With a long list of feature and drama films under his directing-belt (*Pink Floyd — The Wall* and *Mississippi Burning*) Parker set out to capture the essence of the world-famous Eva Peron and bring her story to life on film.

Although the film and its making has caused a great deal of controversy in Argentina, there is no

doubt that those watching the movie are affected by the character of Peron and her struggles to succeed in a land of heartache and misery.

The story begins when Peron, an illegitimate child, and her family are denied access to her father's funeral, which in turn leads to her hatred of Argentina's middle-class.

The movie moves forward to a teenaged Peron and her attempts of betterment through the use of her admirers. Basically, she sleeps her way to the top.

When she reaches the level of elite, her allure grows among Argentina's poverty-stricken masses by her acknowledgment

that she is no better than they.

Her influence with the masses becomes the power behind her husband, Juan (Jonathan Pryce), and his campaign for presidency.

As Eva Peron, her first dramatic film role, Madonna has shown she can act.

Her other performances dim greatly when compared to the emotion and believability she brings to this character.

While Madonna's attempt to portray Peron at the youthful age of 15 is undermined by her facial appearance, this same feature is her crowning glory when it comes to expressing the mature Peron.

Perhaps the many parallels in

Madonna's life and Eva Peron's have contributed to her ability to get in character for the part.

Antonio Banderas, the narrator Che, surfaces throughout the film in the guise of different characters and leaves the viewer wondering if his sarcasm derides Peron or hides a deep pain at the loss of her.

In the sense that only a few words of dialogue are spoken, the film is a true musical and is sure to hold the attention of music lovers.

The song You Must Love Me is a superb piece of work that defined not only Peron's relationship with her husband, but also with her country.

Don't Cry For Me Argentina,

sung from the Casa Rosada (presidential home) balcony before a crowd of supporters, was powerful enough to leave members of the audience wiping tears from their eyes.

Unfortunately, there are times during the film when the combination of music and song mingle together so strongly that the viewer is left struggling to understand the words being sung.

Evita is not a movie for the masses.

Instead, it is a movie to be savored by those who believe determination and conviction can change the forces of the world.

Concert Review

Our Lady Peace wows Fed Hall fans with newly recorded songs

By Lynne Thompson

Bodies crushed together in an attempt to stay warm. Complaints about the long wait and the cold temperature. Anticipation for the show to come. Welcome to the scene outside Federation Hall at the University of Waterloo Jan. 18, as fans lined up out in the cold just after 7 p.m. waiting to see Our Lady Peace.

When the doors to the all-ages-show opened at 8 p.m., hundreds of people, some with tickets in hand and some hoping to be one of the lucky few to buy them at the door, rushed forward into the warmth of the building.

Around 9:30 p.m., the opening act, a Toronto band called Bent Over Honey, took the stage. For 45 minutes the husky-voiced female singer belted out raw-edged tunes. Although the crowd was appreciative and cheered the band at the end of each song, it was obvious this was not who they were here to see.

Even before Our Lady Peace began their set, hundreds of people filled the dance floor in front of the stage. When the band finally appeared, a deafening roar went up from the crowd.

Our Lady Peace, a Canadian band made

up of members Jeremy Taggart, Mike Turner, Raine Maida and Duncan Coutts, is currently touring college and university campuses to promote their second album *Clumsy*. It is due out in stores Jan. 21.

In a recent press release by the band said the new album "is a little different, but still us. Perhaps it's not up to us to say what the record's like, but we're very happy with it. We feel it's better than *Naveed*, and only time will tell what everyone else thinks."

If the Jan. 18 show was any indication, the fans love the new songs. When Superman's Dead, the first single off *Clumsy*, was played, the crowd was whipped into a frenzy as arms and legs flailed from the centre of the mosh pit.

The quality of sound was excellent and not distorted as it sometimes tends to be at concerts. When standing by the speakers near the stage, you could feel the bass pump through your body and it was hard not to get caught up in the music coming from the band.

A press release said that the 500 plus shows the band has performed together has had an impact on the group.

"We're now a band, whereas when we started to tour we'd played only half a dozen shows," said a band member.

This, however, was not completely evident at Federation Hall. There was no interaction between any of the band members, nor did they seem to be into the performance they were giving. In fact, it almost appeared as though each band member was given a tiny area in which they were to stand and no one dared to venture outside that area.

All in all, the show was well worth the price of admission, and from the comments heard from the show-goers, no one was going home disappointed.

University of Waterloo students Alex Fuentes said he has been an Our Lady Peace fan for quite some time.

"I thought it was a great show, but some of the songs sounded better on the CD than they did here tonight, but I'll definitely go

out and get the new CD as soon as I can," Fuentes said.

The show ended when lead singer Raine Maida told the screaming fans, "That's all. Take care. Goodnight folks."

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- ★★ Fair
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